

In the PDP of the present embodiment, the scanning electrodes 12 and common electrodes 33 are disposed in different layers separated by the insulator layer 15a. As previously discussed, a single driving period of the PDP includes a preliminary discharge period, a writing discharge period, and a sustaining discharge period. The sustaining discharge is effected between the common electrode 33 and the data electrode 19, which are referred to as the sustaining electrodes in this text, and the preliminary discharge pulse is applied between the first sustaining electrode (12) and the second sustaining electrode (33) before a writing pulse is applied.

---

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-6.